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Notice to Water Users (Pursuant to Section 85-2-307, MCA) **LEGISLATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY OFFICE**
The following application has been submitted to change a water right in the State of Montana.

THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION PROPOSES TO GRANT AN APPLICATION TO CHANGE A WATER RIGHT. DESCRIBED BELOW ARE THE PERTINENT FACTS WHICH SUMMARIZE THE APPLICATION. THE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION (PD) DOCUMENTING THE FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ANY CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO THE WATER RIGHT ARE AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT <http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/wrd/>.

OBJECTION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 14, 2014. THE DEPARTMENT CAN ONLY ACCEPT OBJECTIONS FILED ON AN OBJECTION TO APPLICATION, FORM 611. MAIL THE COMPLETED FORM AND THE \$25.00 FILING FEE TO THE DNRC, PO BOX 201601, HELENA, MT 59620-1601 BY THE DEADLINE SPECIFIED. THE FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.

DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO THE APPLICATION, TO OBTAIN THE PD OR OBJECTION FORM TO THE WATER RESOURCES OFFICE AT 2273 BOOT HILL COURT, SUITE 110, BOZEMAN, MT 59715-7249 FAX: 406-587-9726 PHONE: 406-586-3136.

Application Number: 41D 30064898
Applicant: GAINEY FOUNDATION
6000 CLAY AVE SW
GRAND RAPIDS, MI 49548 5785

WATER RIGHT NUMBER(S) BEING CHANGED

Water Right Type: STATEMENT OF CLAIM

Water Right Number: 41D 195083-00

Priority Date: JUNE 19, 1935

PAST USE OF WATER: 41D 195083-00 HAS USED THE CORDER (AKA KALSTA) DITCH TO DIVERT THE BIG HOLE RIVER AT 13 CFS FOR FLOOD IRRIGATION OF 67 ACRES IN SECTIONS 2, 11, AND 14 OF T4S, R9W, MADISON COUNTY.

PROPOSED CHANGE: APPLICANT PROPOSES TO CHANGE THE POD LOCATION OF 41D 195083-00. A SECTION OF THE CORDER DITCH WILL BE ABANDONED AND THE EXISTING POD IN THE NWSESE OF SECTION 27, T3S, R9W, MADISON COUNTY, WILL NO LONGER BE USED BY THE APPLICANT. TWO PUMPING SITES WILL SERVE AS THE NEW POINTS OF DIVERSION. THE NEW PUMPING SITES WILL BE LOCATED DOWNSTREAM OF THE OLD POD ON THE BIG HOLE RIVER IN THE SWNWNW AND NWNWSW OF SECTION 11, T4S, R9E, MADISON COUNTY. APPLICANT PROPOSES TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF IRRIGATION FROM FLOOD TO PIVOT SPRINKLERS, REQUIRING A FLOW RATE OF 4 CFS.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: THE CORDER DITCH ABANDONMENT PROJECT SEEKS TO ABANDON 2.5 MILES OF DITCH AND INSTEAD USE INSTREAM PUMP DIVERSIONS TO SUPPLY PIVOT IRRIGATION SYSTEMS. THE PROJECT HAS SUPPORT FROM THE US FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, MT FISH WILDLIFE AND PARKS, MT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY, AND THE NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE.

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